



Russell and District Horticultural Society meeting

Location: Marionville Community Centre

February 17, 2025

1. Welcome, New members, exits and washrooms.

Grace Stapper greeted all attendees, new members, and identified washroom facilities including exits.

2. Acceptance of minutes of November 18, 2024 meeting.

Moved by Yvonne Cuillerier and seconded by Frances McCormick. All were in favour and last meeting's minutes were accepted.

Note: January 20, 2025 meeting was cancelled due to maintenance at the venue.

3. Reports from committees.

- RDHS received a lovely thank you note from the organizers of the Living Locally Fair. A donation of \$1,500 was given to the food bank thanks to this event.
- OHA (Ontario Horticultural Association) and OMAFRA (Ontario Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Rural Affairs) reports were submitted.
- 2025 Richters Catalogues were available for any interested members.
- The 2025 Yearbook and bookmarks have been drafted and sent out to volunteer members for proofreading. Jacqueline hopes to have copies available at next month's meeting.
- Reminder that March it on Out is taking place on Saturday, March 22nd from 9 a.m. to noon at St. Thomas Aquinas High School. Further details are available on the RDHS website: <https://russellgardeners.ca> Louise will be looking for volunteers.
- 2025 Plant Sale will take place on Saturday, May 17th. Grace shared that the location at the Fairgrounds and associated insurance has been secured.
- Manja has been taking 2025 memberships in Linda's absence.

- The Executive and Board of RDHS planning meeting for the 2025 season was held on January 11, 2025 and results will be in the 2025 yearbook.
- Raffle tickets for the Quilt donated by Cindy will be made available at next month's meeting.
- Beyond the House will be holding a workshop on seed starting on Saturday, February 22nd. Anyone interested in participating are encouraged to register prior to attending.
- District 1 AGM 2025 will be hosted by the Kemptville Horticultural Society on April 12th. The theme is 'Flower Power'. Cost to attend this event is \$40/ppn. RDHS will cap the funding contribution of the AGM attending fee for any interested members to \$25/ppn with the difference of funds being paid by the attending member.
- Seedy Saturday is taking place on Saturday, March 1st from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Emmanuel United Church, 691 Smyth Road, Ottawa. Further details will be made available on their website.
- Learn to Save your Seeds workshop at the Russell Library led by two local Master Gardeners will take place on Saturday, March 8th at 2 p.m.
- Sign up sheets for future events will be made available at next month's meeting.

4- Presentation of speaker

Marilyn introduced Odette Mcintyre whose presentation was on 'Urban Potager'.

Next meeting – March 17 guest speaker Rebecca Boyar 'Grow like a Pro – Hydroponic Gardening' and mini flower show.

Despite the weather conditions, there were 36 members attending tonight's meeting.

Minutes prepared by Christine Bourgeois, Secretary